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## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

### Organization Completed Friday Evening With James A Wellons as President.

Last Friday evening a large number of Smithfield's business men met in the Court House for the purpose of completing the organization of the Smithfield Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was called to order by Mr. James A. Wellons, the chairman, and Mr. N. M. Lawrence, Jr., was asked to act as secretary.

After the object of the meeting was stated by Mr. W. W. Cole, almost every man present gave his name as a member of the organization.

The committee appointed to draft a set of by-laws—Messrs. Ira T. Turlington, W. W. Cole and N. B. Grantham—made its report. The By-laws were read and adopted by paragraphs.

The election of officers was next taken up and resulted as follows:

President—James A. Wellons.

First Vice-President—W. M. Sanders.

Second Vice-President—H. L. Skinner.

Third Vice-President—W. L. Woodall.

Fourth Vice-President—F. H. Brooks.

Secretary and Treasurer—F. K. Broadhurst.

Board of Directors—E. J. Holt, T. R. Hood, Dr. L. D. Wharton, J. D. Underwood, and Ira T. Turlington.

The chamber decided to hold its meetings on the first Friday night in each month.

The new organization has made a good beginning. It will find plenty of work to do and it is confidently believed that it will result in great good to this community.

## Save Money, John D. Urges.

Cleveland, Oct. 18.—"Save your money; don't spend it on unnecessary things," is the advice of John D. Rockefeller, who spoke to the boys of his Sunday school.

"It is a fine thing to have money, to be able to do things for somebody else," said Mr. Rockefeller. "That is the purpose we vice we can render God is to do were made for. The highest something for the ignorant, the poor, and those in trouble. If every one did as much as he could for others, we would have a regular heaven on earth."

"Many of you boys soon will go out to fight the battle of life. You will work in various occupations, and in return will receive money. Boys, first pay your mother part of your wages as board. Then use your judgment as to spending the rest. You will find many things that you may want to buy. Don't buy them unless they are necessary; save your money."

"It is your duty not to squander your money, but to save it. Use it in the proper way, remembering that money is always needed for charitable purposes. Remember the responsibility for taking care of the poor and helpless and ignorant does not fall upon a few of us, myself, or any other particular person, but upon every one. It may take a little self-denial to do this, but what good can be accomplished without self-denial? What business man ever succeeded without practicing self-denial? You cannot squander money and expect to accumulate it at the same time."

E. Prentiss Bailey, the veteran editor of Utica, N. Y., has disclosed what was probably the last letter of importance written by former President Grover Cleveland. In the letter Mr. Cleveland favored Johnson, of Minnesota, for President and expressed great hope in the future of the Democratic party. The letter was dated six days after the Broughton Brandeburg "forged letters" were alleged to have been signed by Mr. Cleveland, in which the dead President was made to extol President Taft.

## CLAYTON NEWS.

Are you going to the Fair? Is all you hear on our streets today and quite a number left for the Fair on this morning's trains and many more will go tomorrow and Friday. Every train was crowded to its utmost capacity today carrying the crowds to Raleigh.

The many friends of Mr. Exam Ellis will learn with regret that he is confined to his room with rheumatism caused by a fall he sustained some time ago.

Miss Nellie Pool, of Raleigh, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents here returning Sunday afternoon.

Dr. Earnest Broughton, of Raleigh, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Robert Penny of McCullers was in town Tuesday selling cotton.

Representative J. Walter Myatt was in town Saturday on business.

The many friends of Dr. J. J. Young will be glad to learn that he is able to be on the streets after sustaining a serious injury to his foot by falling or stepping on a nail last Thursday. His little daughter was near where some carpenters were working on his residence and a beam fell from the scaffolding striking her on the head, and Dr. Young in going to her rescue stepped on a nail, piercing his foot severely. Fortunately neither was dangerously hurt and both are doing well.

A stock of dry goods, notions, etc., has been opened up in the new store of Mr. John W. Massey near the depot with the firm name of Cheap John.

Mr. Ralph Hilliard from Oak Ridge Institute arrived Tuesday night to spend a few days with his parents here.

On Friday night, October 29, the Ladies will give a Country Fair at the High school building for the benefit of the school building. The proceeds are for repairs on the building which are needed and every one is cordially invited to come out and bring their friends and make the occasion one of pleasure as well as profit.

Oct. 20. S. L. W.

## Kenly Honor Roll.

Following is the honor roll in Kenly High school for month, ending October 15, 1909.

First Grade, Louis Leggette, Clyde Woodard, Inez Watson, Carl Hales, Lester Godwin, Leone Askew, Gladys Holland and Adna Lee Bailey.

Second Grade, Johnnie Leggette, Chester Leggette, Zeb Watson, Lila Best, May Belle Edgerton, James Kirby and Emma Leggette.

Third Grade, Sadie Morris, Ora Atkinson and Viran Edgerton.

Fourth Grade, Ola Moore.

Fifth grade Melissa Boyett, Ina Morris, Louise Alford and Helen Snow.

Sixth Grade, Will Price and Jesse Godwin.

Seventh Grade, Leone Yelverton, Ethel Hardison, George Walston, Mattie Walston, Julius Lee, Gladys Kirby, Yates Edgerton, Beulah Bailey, Mary Revell, Fannie Watkins, Jesse Sauls, Pansy Peacock and Agnes Hales.

Eighth Grade, Myrtle Bailey and Willie Atkinson.

Ninth Grade, Wade Brannam, Fannie Boyette, Marie Kirby, Henry Southard, Grover Woodard, Grace Rollings, Kiddie Hinnant, Magdalene Ward, Harvey Pitman, Alma Pierce, Bettie Horris and Flossie Nobles.

A general average of 90 is required for honor roll.

## Mr. Taft and Judicial Reform.

Several years ago at Yale Mr. Taft expressed the opinion that the jury system has turned out to be a failure in actual practice. As President, he has recently and repeatedly declared that the administration of our criminal law is a disgrace to civilization.—Norfolk Landmark.

Twenty-seven bombs have been thrown in Barcelona, Spain, in the last four days, five persons killed and 21 wounded.

## BENSON NOTES.

Mr. Jones, an employee at the mill of J. Willis Creech near here had his hand very badly cut last Friday, and but for timely assistance of medical aid, would have died. He is now much improved.

Henry Blount, the noted and witty lecturer of Wilson, spoke in the school auditorium here Friday night to an immense crowd.

W. S. Stevens, Clerk of the Superior court of Johnston County, spent last Saturday night and Sunday in town in the interest of the Methodist Laymen's Conference.

Mr. Marshall Hall, of Fayetteville, was in town Sunday visiting relatives.

Mr. Chas. MacDonald, the efficient clerk for the J. W. Benson Drug Company, left Tuesday for Enfield where he has accepted a position with the Enfield Drug Co. During his short stay here he won many friends who regretted to see him leave.

Mrs. J. H. Rose and little son, Hiram, and Messrs U. F. Wallace and O. A. Barbour went to Smithfield Wednesday to be present at the Creech-Underwood marriage.

The many friends of Mr. H. L. Hall and wife, are sorry to learn that these esteemed people are moving from our midst to the town of Fayetteville.

The Methodist Laymen's Conference of Johnston County will meet at the Methodist church in Benson on the 31st of October. An interesting program has been arranged and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The fish pond of Mr. J. D. Parfith, known as the Moses Ivey pond, will be fished on Tuesday, October 26. Every body invited. Fish will be sold.

Benson, Oct. 21. Reporter.

## The Circus a Good One.

Monday was circus day in Smithfield and perhaps the largest crowd assembled here that has been seen in this town in six or eight years. Some estimate that as many as five thousand people attended the afternoon performance in the big tent near the depot. The parade was a good one and was witnessed by many who did not see the performance in the tent.

Lowe's circus is a pretty good one carrying a large number of first class artists in their peculiar roles. The acting was good, the only complaint we heard being that there was too much going on at the same time, so that one could not see it all.

Those in charge seemed to be very clever gentlemen, and one of the characteristics of the show was the lack of grafting so often seen. Taking it all in all it was one of the best shows seen here in recent years.

## HANNAH'S CREEK NOTES.

We are sorry to note the illness of Mrs. Sallie Johnson.

Most of our people are smiling over 13c cotton and seem to be keeping very well up with their picking.

Mr. Willie Johnson attended the vocal Union at Smithfield last Sunday.

Mr. Matt Johnson, who has been very sick with fever, is improving slowly.

Mr. Preston Woodall, of Benson, is building a new dwelling on his farm.

The singing at Poplar Springs, which is now led by Mr. Calvin Holmes is getting along nicely.

Mr. Willie Johnson who attended the Sunday School Convention at Bethel, reported an exception of Vocal music.

Oct. 19. Liberty Bell.

William I. Buchanan, of Buffalo, a member of the United States diplomatic service and former Minister to the Argentine Republic and Panama, died in London Sunday. He was found in a dying condition near the American Embassy. He died on the way to the hospital. The cause of death is not known, but it is supposed that it resulted from heart disease or apoplexy.

## SELMA NEWS.

Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Dickinson, and little Miss Frances, of Wilson spent Sunday afternoon here, the guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Noble.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Spiers spent Monday in Raleigh.

It looks like every one is going to the Fair and those who do not go before will go Friday to the circus.

Mr. Hartwell V. Scarborough of Murfreesboro, spent a night here this week with his aunt, Mrs. R. J. Noble.

Mrs. Dr. J. A. Griffin, of Clayton, spent Monday here with her daughter, Mrs. L. D. Debnam.

Misses Myrtle and Sadie Jeffreys are visiting Miss Bettie Oliver.

Mr. J. N. Stancil, of Oneals, spent Tuesday night with Mr. C. A. Corbett.

Mrs. Hardie Hatcher is visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. B. Whitley.

The negro that shot Chief Griffin has been caught at Fayetteville and will be brought here Wednesday for trial.

Mr. F. B. Whitley spent Sunday visiting friends in and around Smithfield.

Mr. C. A. Corbett spent Monday and Tuesday in Oneals.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jackson left Wednesday night for Florida to visit their son, Mr. Oscar Jackson Selma, Oct. 20.

## Temperance and Business.

The wholesale dry goods stores of New York City are adopting new methods of doing business. Formerly the crack salesmen of the large houses were allowed to draw considerable sums, to be used for "entertainment," which consisted of buying many drinks along the "Great White Way" and attending theaters. Moreover some of the entertaining was of a nature not to be specified in formal bills of expense. The change is not unwelcome to buyers who have a sense of self-respect that shrinks from incurring social obligations or personal entanglements between pleasure and business. Employers have learned also that it is injurious to themselves and to their employees to encourage the practice of drinking. Entertainment of that nature must ultimately tend to defeat its own purpose.

This is but another indication of the radical and immense reform in the use or abuse of intoxicants that has made cumulative progress within the span of a generation in business life, in all the professions, and perhaps most notably in the ways of public men. The time has passed when an American audience will tolerate the appearance of a drunken statesman on the platform. A sodden lawyer pleading at the bar of justice would be likely to lose both his case and his client, and perhaps invite reprimand, or more severe punishment, from the bench. The bibulous physician has become a rarity, indeed, for neither young nor adult patients care to risk their lives to medical judgment that may be led by alcohol into error in diagnosis or prescription. These results have come from the education of public opinion and of serious thought which in turn is continually devising new methods for either the prohibition or the intelligent regulation and restraint of the liquor traffic. The bibulous buyer, as well as the hilarious drummer, are logically and beneficently eliminated from the stress of modern business competition.—Washington Herald.

## Protracted Meetings.

Rev. R. W. Horrell of Selma, will begin a series of meetings at Hood's Gorge Baptist church Monday night, October 25. These meetings will be held through next week and probably through the fifth Sunday.

Rev. T. J. Hood, of Wayne, expects to begin a series of meetings at Pauline Baptist church Friday night before the fifth Sunday in this month.

## KENLY NOTES.

Mr. Tom McGowan, much to our sorrow, returned to his home in Elm City Monday to resume his work in the bank.

Mr. Jim Liles, from Tarboro, was in our city Sunday to visit relatives and friends.

Mr. Roy Paylor, from Smithfield, was in the city for a short while Sunday.

Mr. Paul Edgerton invited a few of his friends to his home Tuesday evening and they were delightfully entertained by Miss Leone Edgerton. A number of games were played after which light refreshments were served. When the clock struck nine the children left, voting Master Paul a charming host.

Mrs. Eddie Howell returned from a visit down in Wayne county Saturday.

Mrs. Nettie Hooks and Mrs. G. A. Morris spent Tuesday with their sister, Mrs. J. F. Wellons, of Micro.

Mrs. M. A. Barnes, of Spring Hope, spent part of last week with Mr. W. T. Bailey's family.

Mrs. Barney Woodard left today for her home near Princeton. She has been spending sometime with her daughter, Mrs. Alvin Hodge, who is very sick.

Mr. W. A. Brannam spent Saturday and Sunday at home. Also spent two days at the State Fair Kenly, Oct. 20. Reporter.

## Latest About Pellagra.

The Columbia Record, one of the leading newspaper authorities upon pellagra, quotes Marine Hospital Surgeon Lavinder as saying that "the etiology of pellagra in any definite, scientific sense is essentially unknown," but that "the idea, in one form or another of the etiological relation between pellagra and the use of Indian corn as food is held by the majority of students of the disease." For the benefit of all such as are neither newspapers nor doctors we explain that "etiology" and "etiological" are simply learned jargon for "cause" and "causal." The Record, following two eminent French physicians, Nicholas and Jambon, sums up the present state of knowledge thus:

First. The French school has abandoned little by little the theory of corn, sound or mouldy, and tends to consider pellagra as a combination of symptoms or syndrome of diverse origin, among which alcohol and poverty are of prime importance.

Second. In Italy, on the contrary, Ceni and Besta consider pellagra as the result of an intoxication developed upon corn or other cereals by several different kinds of moulds, Aspergillus, Penicillium and allied cryptogams.

Third. In Germany Deckenbach is equally a partisan of the corn theory, but he believes another and different mould plays a similar part resembling that of ergot in gangrene.

Cases presenting the symptoms of the pellagra syndrome, according to Nichols and Jambon, embrace three classes of individuals. (1) Those who eat corn, (2) the insane and (3) those coming under neither of these groups, that is, cases of so-called sporadic and pseudo-pellagra which are ascribed to alcohol, poor food, etc.

Again these possible causes may be summed up under: poor food, mental depression, and alcoholism.

Not long ago we read that Dupieris, another French savant, considered pellagra "a nicotine cachexy intensified by heredity"—in other words, that just as children of men who have used tobacco freely for years are apt to be eccentric, so pellagra, a terrible skin disease instead of one usually mild or trivial, occasionally develops from this same tendency. It is all guesswork at present.—Charlotte Observer.

Two trainmen were killed and several passengers were injured in a collision between passenger and freight trains at Halstead, Tex., Sunday.

## FIRST UP MOUNT EREBUS.

### Found a Crater at the Top Nearly 900 Feet Deep.

The inaccessible antarctic volcano, Mount Erebus, was first climbed by members of the party of Lieut. Shackleton, who writes in McClure's Magazine: "When we had settled down in the hut, we began to turn speculative eyes toward Mount Erebus. The ascent of the mountain had been regarded as very difficult, if not impossible; but there was no doubt that if it could be climbed, the scientific results would be most valuable, and we decided that the attempt should be made."

"I selected Prof. David, Mawson, and Mackay to try the ascent of the summit. They were to be provisioned for ten days, and a supporting party consisting of Adams, Marshall, and Brocklehurst, was to assist the main party as far as possible. Eventually the whole six reached the top of the mountain. When they reached the crater edge—the first men to reach the summit of Erebus—they found themselves standing on the lip of a vast abyss filled with a rising cloud of steam."

"After a continuous loud hissing sound, lasting for some minutes, there would come from below a big, dull boom, and immediately great globular masses of steam would rush upward to swell the volume of the cloud which swayed over the crater. The air was filled with the fumes of burning sulphur. Presently a light breeze fanned away the steam cloud, and at once the crater stood revealed in all its vast extent and depth. It was between 800 and 900 feet deep, with a maximum width of half a mile, and at the bottom could be seen three well-like openings, from which the steam proceeded. On the wall of the crater opposite to the party, beds of dark pumice alternated with white patches of snow, and in one place the existence of scores of steam jets suggested that the snow was lying on hot rock."

"The party ascertained the height of the mountain to be 13,350 feet, and found that the moraines left by some gigantic ancestor of the great ice barrier ascend the western slopes of the mountain to a height of fully 1,000 feet above sea level. As the adjacent sea is at least 300 fathoms deep, the ice sheet, when at its maximum development, must have had a thickness of not less than 2,800 feet."

## U. S. Commissioner Appointed.

Mr. John A. Narron, of Smithfield, has been appointed to succeed Mr. I. W. Massey as commissioner for the Federal government. He has jurisdiction in other counties but it is supposed his work will be confined mostly to the business to be done in this county. Mr. Narron is well equipped for the place. His appointment by Judge Connor will give general satisfaction. It is thought that he will make a good officer in looking after the Government's affairs in this county.

## Few Congress Gaiters Worn Now.

The production of congress shoes in men's factories has not been discontinued altogether, some being still made. The output is about one pair to a hundred at the time when congress gaiters were worn by nearly half the people.

It is said that the goring was the main thing that hurt the shoe, and by this it is meant that it did not wear as well as the leather; but the main reason why congress shoes went out was because they were uncomfortable, around the ankle.—From the Shoe Retailer.

## Indians on Missionary Tour.

Jupiter, Fla., Oct. 9.—A company of 15 Seminole Indians has arrived from Oklahoma to evangelize the Seminoles in the Everglades. They expect to remain in this section about two months.